

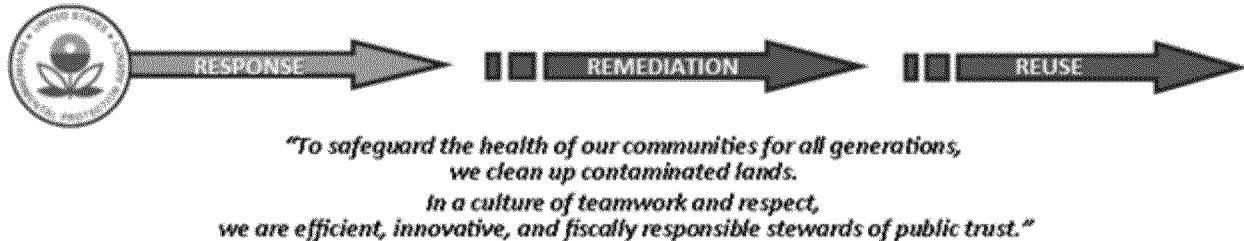
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**Subject:** RE: Meeting Follow Up

Rita,

Thank you for the summary of your conversation with Senator Grassley's staffer. I appreciate the heads up that they might send an inquiry.

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Hi Mary,

I wanted to follow up after the meeting we had with Senator Grassley's staffer yesterday am.

You'll recall our brief phone chat after we learned that a visit would occur-it kind of came out of nowhere. It turns out the visit was prompted by a landscape architecture group that had been in contact with the Senator's staff in DC on brownfields projects, and they'd asked for a visit from staff to tour some Des Moines sites if the opportunity ever arose. Apparently, this week was when it arose.

We had the ability to discuss and tour the larger Riverpoint West area; the land under development with Sherman Associates and Hubbell Realty Company, and the Norfolk Southern owned acres that Hubbell is now looking to acquire east of the Dico site. We also referenced the Water Works Park Plan and Gray's Lake Master Plan, both currently under development. A lot of activity and things to tout.

We emphasized in the Dico narration that significant work had been done over time, and that conversation was continuing. We provided a general outline of the actions of the last several months and how encouraging that's been.

James Rice, the Grassley staffer that met with us, understood that we are anxious for it to be understood how much EPA has worked with us and the owner, and that a full solution is still tenuous. He noted that the Senator has always had good relations with Region 7, and that they could make inquiry into the progress of the Dico site. They may make contact, so I wanted you to have a head's up. I said that what might really help was if there were any relationships or connections to the owner for that half of the conversation, as EPA has largely done everything that can be done. If that contact is made and we hear of it, I'll pass that along.

Let me know any questions on this, thanks.

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